



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.1
Soil moisture supplies: 6% very short, 31% short, 54% adequate and 9% surplus

Field Crops Report
Rainfall varied greatly across the state, from .5 inch to 3.5 inches, depending on location. Crops and crop conditions improved in the last 5-7 days due to the rain. In some areas soybeans were doing well despite drought conditions, with excellent roots in most fields. Some thrip larvae were found, as well as 3 cornered leafhoppers, but no treatment was recommended. Glyphosate went out on many soybean fields. In other areas of the state, some drought stress was evident in soybeans. Adequate moisture levels from rainfall allowed the planting of soybeans and cotton to resume and alleviated some salt issues for rice growers. Some rice farmers top dressed with nitrogen and made herbicide applications.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops
Citrus producers scouted for insects. Vegetable producers harvested strawberries, tomatoes, cucumbers, beans, potatoes, onions and garlic. Producers cleaned up strawberry fields, sprayed to control insects and diseases in tomato fields, and fertigated bell pepper fields.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report
Pasture conditions improved. Cattlemen fertilized pastures. There were reports of crawfish ponds being hit with rice insecticide drifts.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2009	5 YR AVG
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	100	99	100	99
Corn	Silked	10	0	0	10
Cotton	Planted	85	75	94	94
	Emerged	77	66	83	84
Hay	First cutting	71	50	54	48
Rice	Planted	99	98	98	98
	Emerged	97	92	93	95
Sorghum	Planted	95	94	97	95
	Emerged	93	83	63	83
Soybeans	Planted	72	58	78	78
	Emerged	62	48	63	66
Sweet Potatoes	Planted	19	14	0	12
Winter Wheat	Turning Color	100	95	98	99
	Harvested	9	2	29	36

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	7	23	67	3
Cotton	0	2	28	64	6
Rice	0	1	24	57	18
Sorghum	0	8	61	31	0
Soybeans	0	1	37	59	3
Sugarcane	3	18	48	23	8
Winter Wheat	0	12	47	40	1
Livestock	2	7	39	49	3
Vegetables	2	10	45	40	3
Pasture	3	17	39	36	5

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 05/17/10 TO 05/23/10

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	TEMPERATURE MIN	AVE	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	91	65	78	74	0.47	1.42	14.29	21.84
Minden	90	64	76	73	1.40	2.02	14.42	24.09
Mooringsport	92	62	77	MM	1.32	2.63	14.84	19.13
Extreme/Average	92	62	77	73	1.06	2.02	14.52	22.29
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	92	62	77	73	0.97	1.52	12.49	25.10
Homer/Hill Farm	90	61	75	72	0.66	2.76	17.49	24.08
ULM-Monroe	92	63	78	74	0.67	2.27	15.39	26.72
Columbia Lock	92	62	77	MM	1.84	3.45	13.09	27.39
Extreme/Average	92	61	77	73	1.04	2.50	14.62	25.33
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	90	62	75	73	1.89	4.21	14.94	27.93
LSU-St Joseph	91	66	79	75	1.01	1.80	17.08	27.14
LSU-Winnsboro	91	65	79	74	1.31	1.89	12.76	26.34
Tallulah	90	63	77	73	2.05	4.18	16.38	27.33
Extreme/Average	91	62	77	74	1.57	3.02	15.29	27.09
4. West-Central								
Leesville	94	63	80	74	0.43	1.28	12.95	24.16
LSU-Rosepine	MM	MM	MM	74	M.MM	0.17	13.66	23.93
Natchitoches	(95)	64	81	74	0.21	1.06	12.78	24.28
Extreme/Average	95	63	80	74	0.32	1.17	12.95	24.06
5. Central								
Alexandria	93	65	80	75	1.05	1.67	14.88	25.62
Brusly	MM	MM	MM	75	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	25.98
Bunkie	92	64	80	75	0.52	2.21	18.33	27.28
LSU-Alexandria	93	64	80	75	0.90	1.67	15.68	24.67
Extreme/Average	93	64	80	75	0.82	1.85	16.30	25.86
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	91	64	78	MM	0.62	1.79	16.81	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	91	68	79	75	1.20	5.33	16.20	25.00
Amite	92	64	78	74	1.33	3.40	18.63	28.94
LSU-Hammond	90	64	77	75	0.53	1.77	14.42	26.80
Slidell	88	64	79	75	1.13	4.01	20.99	26.53
Extreme/Average	92	64	79	75	1.07	3.63	18.16	27.44
7. Southwest								
Deridder	92	63	79	75	0.19	1.21	17.54	24.23
Jennings	90	67	80	76	0.01	2.68	13.76	22.49
LSU-Crowley	91	69	81	76	0.00	2.22	11.38	23.40
Extreme/Average	92	63	80	76	0.07	2.04	14.23	22.75
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	93	66	79	76	0.04	1.88	14.28	24.08
LSU-Jeanerette	91	69	80	76	0.06	1.67	12.77	22.25
Morgan City	88	68	79	75	0.60	1.07	9.80	23.06
Extreme/Average	93	66	79	76	0.23	1.54	12.28	23.19
9. Southeast								
Galliano	88	(55)	78	76	2.50	3.63	19.80	24.63
Houma	90	67	79	77	0.82	1.57	14.03	23.35
Terrytown 3S	92	66	80	MM	2.71	7.70	22.14	MM.MM
Reserve	91	68	79	76	1.09	5.21	10.98	26.32
Extreme/Average	92	55	79	77	1.78	4.30	18.66	24.69
State								
State Averages	95	55	79	75	0.88	2.50	15.47	24.81

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. to Date = Through May 23, 2010

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